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Clackamas Community College

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Faculty rejects board offer

"They want to change the structure of the salary scale," Hein said. "And the faculty team is not willing to do that."

"The board offered a flat number of dollars increase at each step," Hein said. "That means that the higher you go on the salary scale, the lower the per cent is in the increment. The board raised their total proposal to a 9.3 per cent increase. But it is still roughly two per cent below the fact finder's recommendation," Hein said.

"We're sticking by the fact finder's recommendation to keep the same salary schedule we have," Hein said.

"Neither the total amount is acceptable nor the method in which they (the board) want to apply it is acceptable to the faculty negotiating team," Hein said.

"The real problem with it is, in effect, it destroys the current salary scale," Hein said. "The total is still well below what the faculty said they would accept."

The mediator, Alton Smedstead, assigned by the State Conciliation Service, suggested possible steps to take for both sides, Hein said.

"We will be getting back together Sunday for more mediation," Hein said.

Strike

may cost

VA benefits

Approximately 650 veterans enrolled at Clackamas Community College may not receive money from the Veteran's Administration due to the proposed faculty strike Oct. 27, said Mike Umbras, CCC's VA representative.

"If the strike is enacted," Umbras said, "the benefits issued to each veteran each term are subject to termination."

Part-time instructors are acquired or returning instructors return to classes after the strike period, the VA will ignore the absence missed by the veterans and back pay will be issued to them if and only if their term grades are obtained, Umbras said.

The major factor concerning the veterans, Umbras said, "is that if the strike extends for an indefinite period of time and pay is not given, the VA will not grant their monthly funds which many depend on for tuition as well as living and housing necessities.

"This is a VA regulation and they will not be subject to the possible crisis involved here because of the strike," Umbras said.

"If the strike occurs on Oct. 28, due to regulations, the veterans pay will terminate Oct. 27 and pay will not be granted until the veterans receive their grades for fall term," Umbras said.

Alternatives for the veterans in terms of housing will be slim if the strike takes place, Umbras said.

Umbras suggests that the veterans try to transfer to PCC or Mt. Hood CC if at all possible to obtain their fall term grades, Umbras said.

"Right now the outlook for the veterans is bleak. At this point of time looks dismal unless a settlement of the strike occurs in the near future," he said.



Photo by Brian Snook

Admirers check out the macramed owls, plant and mirror hangers and various other handcrafted items on sale during the Crafts Fair held in the Community Center Wednesday, Oct. 5. For those who missed it either as buyers or sellers, another fair is slated for Wednesday, Nov. 9.

